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Please replace the Abstract of the Invention with the following Abstract:

**ABSTRACT**

A method of encoding words for language teaching comprising the steps of identifying and storing a plurality of sounds and letters associated with one or more words. In one embodiment, a plurality of different vowel and consonant sounds and silent letters are identified. Each of the plurality of vowel sounds is represented by a unique vowel sound number. The plurality of vowel sounds is represented by one or more vowel colors. Each of the plurality of consonant sounds is represented by a consonant color that is different from the one or more vowel colors. Each silent letter is represented by a silent color that is different from the consonant color and the one or more vowel colors.

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